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In the vast tapestry of the Old Testament, a tapestry woven with powerful historical stories, inspired teachings, and profound wisdom, there lies a collection of divine names that illuminate the character and attributes of God. These names serve as guiding lights, leading us to a deeper understanding of who God truly is.

Imagine a magnificent mosaic, crafted with intricate precision, where each tile represents a different name of God. Each tile, adorned with vibrant colors and intricate patterns, reveals a unique facet of God's divine nature. Together, these tiles form a breathtaking image, symbolizing the interconnectedness of these varied names and the profound depth they bring to our understanding of God.

In the Old Testament, when God reveals His names to humanity, it is an act of intimate disclosure, a way of unveiling His true nature to His creation. These names are more than mere labels; they carry with them deep significance, encompassing God's attributes, authority, and covenantal promises.

From the powerful and majestic "El Shaddai," symbolizing God's strength and provision, to the compassionate and merciful "Jehovah Rapha," representing God as our healer, each name provides a glimpse into the boundless depths of the divine character. Each name serves as a key that unlocks a deeper understanding of God's love, justice, faithfulness, and compassion.

Illustrated within this mosaic, we see Abraham, Moses, with the rest of the prophets, among others, encountering God through these names. As they discover and proclaim these divine appellations, they deepen their relationship with God, gaining insight into His will and purpose for humanity.

Just as the tiles in our illustration come together harmoniously, the names of God in the Old Testament paint a multifaceted picture of God's sovereignty and grace. They remind us that God transcends human comprehension and reveals Himself in ways that resonate with different aspects of our lives.

In embarking on this exploration of the names of God in the Old Testament, we embrace the invitation to know God more intimately, to recognize His divine presence in our lives, and to experience the transformative power of His character. Through these names, we gather fragments of a profound truth – that God is both knowable and yet infinitely mysterious, inviting us into a relationship that surpasses our understanding and fills us with awe and reverence. Although my goal is not to go through all the names of God in Old Testament but just enough to wet our appetites to dig deeper into knowing him.

1. Elohim (אֱלֹהִים) - God, Mighty One, Creator

- Genesis 1:1, 1:21, 2:3, 6:13, 17:1, 35:11

2. Yahweh (יְהוָה) - LORD, I AM, Eternal One

- Exodus 3:14-15, 6:2-3, 20:2, 34:5-7

3. Adonai (אֲדֹנָי) - Lord, Master

- Genesis 15:2, 18:27, 19:18, 20:4, 22:16, 39:7, 40:1, 42:30

4. El Shaddai (אֱלֹהֵי שַׁדַּי) - God Almighty, All-Sufficient One - Genesis 17:1, 28:3, 35:11, 43:14, 48:3, 49:25 This name is mentioned multiple times in the Bible, including Exodus 6:3, and Job 40:2. It signifies God's unlimited power and authority. Other verses that highlight God's almighty nature include Psalm 91:1, Isaiah 40:28, and Revelation 19:6.

5. Jehovah Jireh (יְהוָה יִרְאַה) - The LORD Will Provide - Genesis 22:14

6. El HaMakom (אֱלֹהֵי הַמָּקוֹם) - God of the Place

- Genesis 28:16

- Exodus 3:5

- Joshua 5:15

- Psalm 139:7-12

- Jeremiah 23:23-24

7. Jehovah Rapha (יְהוָה רִפָּא) - The LORD Who Heals - Exodus 15:26

8. Jehovah Nissi (יְהוָה נָסִי) - The LORD Is My Banner - Exodus 17:15

9. Jehovah Shalom (יְהוָה שָׁלוֹם) - The LORD Is Peace - Judges 6:24

10. Jehovah Tsidkenu (יְהוָה צְדִיקָנוּ) - The LORD Our Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6

11. Jehovah Shammah (יְהוָה שָׁמָּה) - The LORD Is There - Ezekiel 48:35

12. Jehovah Sabaoth (יְהוָה צְבָאוֹת) - The LORD of Hosts, LORD of Armies

- 1 Samuel 1:3, 1 Samuel 17:45, Isaiah 1:9, Jeremiah 11:20

13. El Olam (אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם) - Everlasting God

- Genesis 21:33, Isaiah 40:28

14. El Gibbor (אֵל גִּבּוֹר) - Mighty God, Heroic God - Isaiah 9:6

15. HaShem (הַשֵּׁם) - The Name

- Exodus 3:15

16. El Hanne'eman (אֵל הַנֶּאֱמָן) - Faithful God

- Deuteronomy 7:9

17. El De'ot (אֵל דְּעוֹת) - God of Knowledge

- 1 Samuel 2:3

18. El Rachum (אֵל רַחוּם) - God of Compassion - Deuteronomy 4:31

19. El Gibor (אֵל גִּבּוֹר) - Mighty God:

Isaiah 9:6 - "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

20. El Shama (אֵל שָׁמַע) - God Who Hears:

Psalms 17:6 - "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words."

21. El HaShamayim (אֱלֹהֵי הַשָּׁמַיִם) - God of the Heavens

- Deuteronomy 4:39

- Nehemiah 9:6

- Psalm 136:26

- Daniel 2:18

- Matthew 6:9

22. El Gibbor Milchamah (אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹר מִלְחָמָה) - Mighty in Battle:

Psalm 24:8 - “Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!”

23. El Emet (אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֶת) - God of Truth:

Psalm 31:5 - “Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.”

24. El Yeshuati (אֱלֹהֵי יְשׁוּעָתִי) - God of My Salvation:

Psalm 18:2 - “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation,

25. El Berith (אֱלֹהֵי בְרִית) - God of the Covenant:

Judges 9:46 - “When all the leaders of the Tower of Shechem heard of it, they entered the stronghold of the house of El-berith.”

26. El Roi (אֱלֹהֵי רֹאֵי) - God Who Sees: This name is mentioned in Genesis 16:13 when Hagar, the mother of Ishmael, encounters God in the wilderness. It signifies God’s omniscience and His ability to see and understand all things. Other verses that emphasize God’s ability to see include Psalm 33:13-15, Proverbs 15:3, and Hebrews 4:13.

Genesis 16:13 - “So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, ‘You are a God of seeing,’ for she said, ‘Truly here I have seen him who looks after me.’”

27. El Emet (אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֶת) - God of Truth:

Psalm 31:5 - “Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.”

28. El Hanne’eman (אֱלֹהֵי הַנֶּאֱמָן) - Faithful God:

Deuteronomy 7:9 - “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

29. El De’ot (אֱלֹהֵי דַעוּת) - God of Knowledge:

1 Samuel 2:3 - “Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.”

30. El Rachum (אֱלֹהֵי רַחוּם) - God of Compassion:

Deuteronomy 4:31 - “For the LORD your God is a merciful God. He will not leave you or destroy you or forget the covenant with your fathers that he swore to them.”

31. El Echad (אֱלֹהֵי אֶחָד) - God is One:

Deuteronomy 6:4 - “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.”

32. El Gibor (אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹר) - Mighty God:

Isaiah 9:6 - “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

33. El HaGadol (אֱלֹהֵי הַגָּדוֹל) - The Great God

- Deuteronomy 10:17

- Nehemiah 9:32

- Psalm 95:3

- Jeremiah 32:18

- Malachi 1:14

34. El Gibbor Milchamah (אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹר מִלְחָמָה) - Mighty in Battle:

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35. El Emet (אֱלֹהֵי אֱמֶת) - God of Truth: This name is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, but the concept of God being the God of Truth is found throughout Scripture. Some verses that highlight this attribute of God include Psalm 31:5, Isaiah 65:16, and John 14:6.

36. El Yeshuati (אֱלֹהֵי יְשׁוּעָתִי) - God of My Salvation: This specific name is not mentioned in the Bible, but the concept of God being the source of salvation is prevalent. Verses that emphasize God as the God of Salvation include Psalm 68:20, Isaiah 12:2, and Acts 4:12.

37. El Berith (אֱלֹהֵי בְרִית) - God of the Covenant: This name is mentioned in Judges 9:46, where it refers to a pagan god. However, the concept of God being the God of the Covenant is found throughout the Bible, particularly in relation to the covenant made with the Israelites. Verses that highlight this aspect of God include Exodus 6:4, Deuteronomy 7:9, and Hebrews 13:20.

39. El Elyon (אֱלֹהֵי עֲלִיּוֹן) - Most High God: This name is mentioned in various verses in the Bible, including Genesis 14:18-20, Psalm 78:35, and Daniel 7:18. It signifies God's supreme and exalted position above all.

Numbers 24:16, Deuteronomy 32:8

40. El Shama (אֱלֹהֵי שָׁמַע) - God Who Hears: This specific name is not mentioned in the Bible, but the concept of God being the God who hears is present throughout Scripture. Verses that highlight God's ability to hear include Psalm 34:17, Psalm 65:2, and 1 John 5:14.

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44. El Olam (אֱלֹהֵי עוֹלָם) - Everlasting God: This name is mentioned in Genesis 21:33, where it refers to God as the Everlasting God. It signifies God's eternal nature and existence. Other verses that highlight God's everlasting nature include Psalm 90:2, Isaiah 40:28, and Revelation 1:8.

45. El Chai (אֱלֹהֵי חַיִּים) - Living God: This specific name is not mentioned in the Bible, but the concept of God being the Living God is found throughout Scripture. Verses that emphasize God's living nature include Joshua 3:10, Psalm 42:2, and 1 Timothy 4:10.

46. El Gibbor (אֱלֹהֵי גִבּוֹרִים) - Mighty God: This name is mentioned in Isaiah 9:6, where it refers to the coming Messiah. It signifies God's strength and might. Other verses that highlight God as the Mighty God include Psalm 24:8, Jeremiah 32:18, and Revelation 19:6.

47. El Rachum (אֱלֹהֵי רַחוּם) - God of Compassion

- Exodus 34:6
- Deuteronomy 4:31
- Nehemiah 9:31
- Psalm 86:15
- Joel 2:13

48. El Tzur (אֱלֹהֵי צוּר) - God is My Rock

- Deuteronomy 32:4, 15, 18, 30-31
- 2 Samuel 22:2-3, 32, 47
- Psalm 18:2, 31, 46
- Isaiah 44:8

49. El Emunah (אֱלֹהֵי אֱמוּנָה) - God of Faithfulness

- Deuteronomy 7:9
- Psalm 36:5
- Isaiah 49:7
- 1 Corinthians 1:9
- 1 Thessalonians 5:24

50. El Hakkavod (אֱלֹהֵי הַקְּבוֹד) - God of Glory

- Psalm 29:3
- Psalm 24:7-10
- Isaiah 6:3

- Acts 7:2
- 1 Corinthians 2:8

51. El Haggadol (אֱלֹהֵי הַגָּדוֹל) - Great God

- Deuteronomy 10:17
- Nehemiah 1:5
- Psalm 95:3
- Jeremiah 32:18
- Malachi 1:14

52. El Hannora (אֱלֹהֵי הַנּוֹרָא) - Awesome God

- Nehemiah 9:32
- Psalm 68:35
- Daniel 9:4
- Nehemiah 1:5
- Deuteronomy 7:21

53. El Hakadosh (אֱלֹהֵי הַקָּדוֹשׁ) - Holy God

- Isaiah 5:16
- Isaiah 43:

54. El Hamelech (אֱלֹהֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ) - God the King

- Psalm 47:7
- Psalm 95:3

- Isaiah 43:15
- Jeremiah 10:10
- Zechariah 14:9

55. El Hamelech HaKadosh (אֱלֹהֵי הַמֶּלֶךְ הַקָּדוֹשׁ) - The Holy King

- Isaiah 6:3
- Revelation 4:8
- Psalm 99:4
- Isaiah 43:15
- Jeremiah 10:10